



Monday Morning Missive

Good Monday morning, church. I hope that you have started off this beautiful day by telling the Father how grateful you are because, after all, this is the day He has created for you and me. I want to use it wisely, and I hope you do, too. As beautiful as today is, I'm told that the forecast is for rainy/stormy weather to be moving in. Will you join me in asking the Father to give us a beautiful, rain-free day on Wednesday? We have planned for weeks to have our block party this Wednesday from 4:30 – 6:30, so we need great weather. Make sure you invite your friends and neighbors because Bro. Wayne Smith has secured lots of food for us to enjoy – if you like hot dogs and chips like I do. Be sure to thank him for all of his hard work in getting this done for us. If the weather is not conducive for the block party, we will have to reschedule.

Like most Baptists, I am not a great fan of change. It is hard for me to even imagine what our church will be like when Bro. James and Delilah retire and leave us, but I know that God has a great plan for our church and a great man for the job. When I saw the names of the people that you selected to serve as our Minister of Music Search Committee, I was excited. Please join me in praying for this committee: Belinda Daugherty, Courtney Hall, Mike Kilgore, Chapel McCullough, Clint McKelvey, Randy Nolen, and Gloria Willis. The Personnel Committee will be making a recommendation at a special called business meeting on April 18 to add Harriet White as an alternate in case anyone is unable to complete this assignment.

I totally forgot to mention this on Sunday, and I must apologize. Bro. James did a fantastic job organizing our appreciation lunch for the Dadeville Hospital staff. I want to thank him for all he did, and I want to thank all those who joined us to make it happen. I am never more proud to be

your pastor than when I see your smiling faces ministering to the people of our community. I must be honest – if I had been on the receiving end of this ministry, I would certainly want to check out the church that provided it. You did a great job.

As we look forward to the next two Sundays, let us not forget the importance of what they represent. We will be focusing on the Scriptures that surround them in our worship service, but would you begin even now to read through the stories of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as well as the crucifixion and resurrection? We need to prepare our hearts for this special time of remembrance when our Suffering Savior gave everything so that we could celebrate with Him for eternity. I CAN'T WAIT!

**With great love and prayers,
Bro. Ben**